Education (CBSE), there are 06 Schools affiliated with CBSE with the title name 'Saraswati Shishu Vidya Mandir'. Further another 36 schools are affiliated with the Board with the title name 'Saraswati Shishu Mandir', 'Saraswati Vidya Mandir', and 'Saraswati Bal Mandir'. 5650 students of class X and 2374 students of class XII were registered for Board examinations - 2006 from these schools.

Upgradation of Urdu Medium Schools

2753. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to upgrade the knowledge and teaching skills of Urdu Medium School teachers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are considering to equip them with the changing trends in education and to impart them modern techniques; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Upgradation of knowledge and teaching skills is a continuous process. Towards this end National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has been organizing Teacher Training Programmes. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Restructuring and Reorganization of Teacher Education exists under which Central Government provides financial assistance to States for setting up of District Institutes of Education and Training (DIETs), strengthening of State Councils of Educational Research and Training (SCERTs) etc. The Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore conducts two kinds of training in respect of Urdu through its two Regional Language Centres (Urdu Teaching and Research Centre, Lucknow and Solan) and also through its Northern Regional Language Centres, Patiala. The first training programme is for non-native teachers to learn Urdu to use it for students in a bilingual/multilingual class room and second training programme is for teachers of Urdu from different States.

However, Education is a State subject. The concerned State Government needs to formulate policy for restructuring teacher education programmes and management of all medium schools.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) Mysore has developed an Urdu Corpora based on which new language technology applications can be made. Teaching material has also been developed by CIIL for dissemination. As an aid to Urdu Language teaching, there is a proposal to create a internet-based Urdu Online teaching package which will help teachers in imparting education at different levels.

Private partnership in SSA

2754. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the children have benefited from private partnership under SSA;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have asked the private entities to develop the software and give training to teachers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) Computer Aided Learning, a component of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is implemented in an effort to improve the quality of education. It includes provisions of computers in schools, with appropriate software and training to teachers. The public-private partnership has evolved around these requirements of the component.

Guidelines regarding three language formula

†2755. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the States which have made 'three language formula' compulsory upto secondary classes;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.